



## Ruth Hine – MAS' Environmentalist-of-the-Year

MAS Environmentalist-of-the-Year is Dr. Ruth L. Hine, retired Retired Research Information and Education Group Leader with the Bureau of Research of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and currently naturalist at Bethel Horizons Camp and Retreat Center. She was awarded the association's plaque at the annual banquet on April 21.

In making the presentation, MAS President Jim Young told of Ruth's unique and impressive career working for wildlife.

Ruth earned her PhD in zoology/botany and wildlife management at the University of Wisconsin after doing undergrad and master's work at Connecticut College and UW. She began work for the Wisconsin Conservation Department (forerunner of the DNR) in 1949 as a conservation aid in a field largely dominated by men. She began her editing career in 1953, and in 1957 became full-time editor with research, a position she held throughout her career, editing six award-winning Technical Bulletins. She was described as a skillful and tactful editor who could bring out the best in the writings of the scientists she worked with.

While she was engrossed in this formidable editing challenge Ruth recognized the need for a broader perspective in describing Wisconsin's wildlife. So on her own initiative she created *Wildlife, People, and the Land*, a publication that addressed the total wildlife community and its interrelationships.

Ruth laid the foundation upon which the Wisconsin DNR's Endangered Resources program was built. In the early '70s she chaired the first committee charged with listing the endangered species in Wisconsin, with little funding. She rose to the challenge and instilled her enthusiasm for the task in the hearts and minds of students who worked for little or nothing. The annual Frog Count was born.

During her last two years with the DNR, while working half-time, Ruth became a consulting naturalist with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. She brought her formidable skills to bear on a project to help these camps focus on the natural world, our dependence on it, and our responsibility for its stewardship. She helped with the planning, design, and operation of the Bethel Horizons Nature Center.

Her energy and enthusiasm, empathy, and caring and compassionate style have been admired and respected by many throughout the years. MAS recognizes both her tangible achievements and her "style", as well as her recent activities with the Nature Center, in presenting this award.

## Dane County Receives Urban Greenspace Funds

Madison Audubon Society and the environmental community worked on getting the Stewardship Program passed in the legislature in recent years. Now we are seeing some results of that effort, as described in the following announcement recently received from Richard Phelps, Dane County executive.

*I am pleased to announce that Dane County is the first recipient of the state Stewardship Urban Greenspace Fund for purchasing land to enhance the county's conservation efforts. The county has been successful in securing \$234,500, which is part of the state Stewardship Program in the Department of Natural Resources, for acquiring parcels identified in the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan. DNR has granted Dane County \$57,500 to acquire land within the Cherokee Marsh, \$149,000 to acquire high priority parcels within the E-Way, and \$28,000 to acquire a parcel within Walking Iron Park.*

*Each of the Stewardship Projects are high priorities for the county's conservation program. Cherokee Marsh is a preeminent wetland area in Dane County. It is of regional significance because it is a source for Lake Mendota and the Yahara chain of lakes. The E-Way project provides the county flexibility to use state-allocated funds on any parcels which are expected to become available in 1991. All parcels considered for acquisition are currently within the approved project boundaries and are integral parts of the E-Way Plan. Finally, the Walking Iron Park project will establish a connection between the northern and southern units of the park to allow for linking paths and roadways, and add attractive natural resources.*

*Dane County is the fastest growing county in the state and the intense development pressures here threaten to destroy the very natural beauty and biological diversity that makes our area so attractive....The DNR award to Dane County as the first recipient of Stewardship Funds highlights the importance of State of Wisconsin matching grants to local governments in protecting natural and recreational resources in our urban areas close to where most people live and where development pressure is greatest. This award kicks off an exciting state/county partnership to help Dane County retain its natural beauty and high quality of life.*

*Dane County is becoming a model on preserving our environmental and natural resources in our community. The good news from the State of Wisconsin will assist us in meeting our environmental agenda. In particular, I want to recognize our own Dane County legislator, Representative Spencer Black, as the primary sponsor and architect of the state Stewardship Program.*

## Milwaukee Audubon Art Fair Is June 1

The 17th annual Milwaukee Audubon Art Fair will be held on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Schlitz Audubon Center, 1111 E. Brown Deer Road. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Parking will be available with free shuttle service at the I-43 and Brown Deer Road Park-and-Ride lot. Additional parking will be provided on the center grounds for the handicapped and bicycles.

Over 100 artists and craftspersons will display their nature-related artwork at the fair. There will also be a wide range of entertainment -- including performing artists, music, and clowns -- and a host of special activities for the kids. For further information contact Victoria Dargis at (414)271-5383.



## Ron Sauey Memorial Library Opening at ICF, May 26

In memory of International Crane Foundation (ICF) Co-Founder, Dr. Ronald Sauey, and through the generosity of Ron's parents, Norman and Claire Sauey, and their family, the Ron Sauey Memorial Library for Bird Conservation has been built at the International Crane Foundation, near Baraboo.

The opening of the Sauey Library will be at 10:00 a.m. on Ron's birthday, Sunday, May 26. A number of other events have been planned for the weekend. For more information contact Eric Scott at ICF, E-11376 Shady Lane Road, Baraboo, WI 53913, (608) 356-9462.



## Ridges' Wildflower Pilgrimage

The Ridges Sanctuary at Bailey's Harbor, WI will hold its annual Wildflower Pilgrimage May 16-18. The program includes guided field trips through natural areas of Door County, art show, fish boil and a variety of workshops, plus a Thursday evening program by Carl Taylor of the Milwaukee Public Museum.

For information and registration materials on this annual fundraising event, write or call C. Schuster, 2912 Lake Forest Park Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, (414)743-8238.

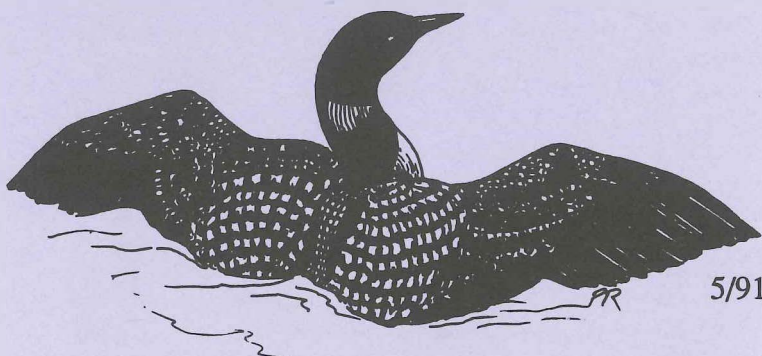
## Symposium on Society and Resource Management

The Fourth North American Symposium on Society and Resource Management is scheduled to meet in Madison May 17-20, 1992. The Symposium will focus on the integration of social and biological sciences as they together address natural resource and environmental issues. For further information contact Donald R. Field, program chair, School of Natural Resources, 1450 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706.

Contribution deadline is May 22 for the June issue of the CAWS. Items may be sent to Dorothy Haines, 6010 Jeffrey Circle, Madison, WI 53716.



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## 12 Reasons to Go to the MAS Art Fair, May 11

1. It's your last chance to get a gift for Mother's Day.
2. You don't really want to wash windows, do you?
3. You know you're going to win a raffle prize this year
4. The kids learned so much last year.
5. There are more than 30 artists you haven't seen before.
6. The Nature Store has the field guide you've been meaning to get.
7. More than 70 artists you enjoyed last year are back again.
8. You need a picture for that blank wall in the guest room.
9. The food is great.
10. It's a great place to get together with old friends.
11. There's no way to support Madison Audubon that's more fun.
12. It's going to be a beautiful day, even if it rains!

## MAS Calendar at a Glance

(details elsewhere in CAWS)

- Sun. 5 May -- Shorebirds Field Trip
- Tues. 7 May -- Evening at Lake Farm Park
- Tues. 7 May -- Warbler Walk
- Thurs. 9 May -- Warbler Walk
- Sat. 11 May -- MAS Art Fair
- Sun. 12 May -- Milwaukee Warbler Field Trip
- Tues. 14 May -- Warbler Walk
- Tues. 14 May -- Evening at Nine Springs
- Thurs. 16 May -- Warbler Walk
- Sat. 18 May -- Horicon Canoe Trip
- Tues. 21 May -- Monthly meeting
- Sat. 1 June -- State Natural Areas Field Trip
- Sat. 1 June -- Shoreline Cleanup, Lake Monona
- Sat. 8 June -- Shoreline Cleanup, Lake Waubesa
- Sat. 15 June -- Cadiz Springs Field Trip
- Sat. 15 June -- Shoreline Cleanup, Lakes Mendota and Kegonsa
- Tues. 18 June -- Picnic at Lake Farm Park
- Sat. 22 June -- Bear Bluff Marsh field trip
- Fri.-Sun. 28-30 June -- Weekend at Hunt Hill



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